



## Summer 2011

### Upcoming Events

#### SOEV Swim Competition

Saturday, September 17  
Juniors check-in at 8:00am  
Adults check-in at 5:00pm  
Kino Junior High

#### Bocce Tournament - Traditional and Unified

Saturday, September 24  
Farnsworth Dreamland Villa

#### 18th Annual Fall Fundraiser

##### [Event Info](#)

Saturday, October 1  
Mesa Convention Center

#### SOAZ Fall Games

##### [www.soaz.org](http://www.soaz.org)

Fri-Sat, October 14-15  
Surprise, AZ

#### SOAZ Golf Tournament

## Camp Carley

*Photo of 2010 Camp Carley*



Camp Carley takes place at Camp Tatiyee Cabins in Show Low, Arizona from August 25th-27th. The program is designed for teens ages 18 and older with developmental disabilities. The purpose is to explore Arizona's high country and escape the summer heat, gain an appreciation for nature and all of its beauty, learn how to fish, take a hike, or just skip rocks beside a cool mountain lake. The camp is open to individuals involved in the Mesa and Chandler adaptive sports programs.

Sat-Sun, November 5-6  
Vistal Golf Club, Phoenix

**SOEV Bowling Tournament**

Fri, Nov 18 - Juniors/Seniors  
Sat, Nov 19 - Adults  
Brunswick Zone, Mesa

**Regional Soccer Tourn -  
Traditional, Unified, Skills**

Saturday, December 3  
Hohokam Park, Mesa

More details on above events:

[www.soaz.org/calendar](http://www.soaz.org/calendar)

Join the fun as Mesa and Chandler go off to the mountains! The registration fee for the camp is \$140 per person. The group hosts a mandatory "Camper Rally Night" on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30pm at the Mesa Rendezvous Center (263 N. Center Street, Mesa). The group will depart for camp on Thursday, August 25th at 10:00am from the Mesa Rendezvous Center and will return on Saturday, August 27th at 5:00pm. Meals will be provided from dinner on Thursday through lunch on Saturday. Space is limited for each city...Mesa and Chandler each allow 25 registrants...so sign up early! Contact [Jacquie Gallo](#) or [Collette Prather](#) for additional information or visit [www.mesaaz.gov](http://www.mesaaz.gov) for the registration packet.

## Team Mesa Adaptive Sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities

*Photo of Mesa Bocce Ball Team*



Summer adaptive programs are starting up and it is time for you to get registered! The Mesa Summer Adaptive Sports programs for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities include aquatics, bocce ball, recreational bowling and unified recreational bowling. Aquatics takes place on Saturdays beginning on July 23rd at Shepherd Aquatic Center. The juniors (ages 8-15) will practice from 10:00am-11:00am and the adults (ages 16+) from 11:00am-12:30pm. Bocce ball takes place on Thursdays beginning on July 28th from 6:45pm-8:00pm at Farnsworth Dreamland Villa. Recreational

bowling is currently taking place on Wednesdays from 3:30pm-5:30pm at the AMF Mesa Lanes. Unified recreational bowling is currently taking place on Saturdays from 12:30pm-3:00pm at the AMF Mesa Lanes. Upcoming fall sports programs include golf, bowling, soccer and floor hockey.

Contact Mark Grant at 480.644.3651 / [Mark.Grant@mesaaz.gov](mailto:Mark.Grant@mesaaz.gov) for additional information or visit [www.mesaaz.gov](http://www.mesaaz.gov) for the registration packet available for the Adaptive Summer Sports programs.

## Disneyland Adventure Trip

*Photo of 2010 Disneyland Adventure Trip*



The Chandler and Mesa programs are teaming up again to host the annual Disneyland Adventure Trip this fall! The dates are still tentative so keep in touch on the [City of Mesa Web Site](http://www.cityofmesa.gov) for more details as they become available. Contact Mark Grant at 480.644.3651 / [Mark.Grant@mesaaz.gov](mailto:Mark.Grant@mesaaz.gov) or Jacquie Gallo at 480.644.4948 / [jacquie.gallo@mesaaz.gov](mailto:jacquie.gallo@mesaaz.gov) for additional information on the Disneyland Adventure Trip.

## Visit the Team Mesa Blog for details on past events

Read articles on past events and event announcements on the [Team Mesa Adaptive Program Blog](http://www.teammesaaz.gov).

## Mesa introduces new mascot - Buster the Bulldog

*Photo of Buster the Bulldog with Mesa athlete, Brett Stadheim*



"Who let the dogs out!" The Mesa Adaptive Sports and Recreation programs introduced a new member to the team at the 2010-11 End of Season Awards Celebration on Friday, June 10th. The crowd patiently waited in anticipation of who was going to be the new mascot for Team Mesa. During the past spring season, Arizona Disabled Sports and the City of Mesa narrowed down the search for a mascot to the top five and then allowed athletes, coaches and parents to vote on their favorite. The crowd was ecstatic when the new mascot entered the room. Buster the Bulldog was welcomed into the Team Mesa family with open arms. Buster signed autographs, danced with the athletes and led a train of athletes around the room. Buster will be at all of the special events to cheer the Mesa athletes to victory. Go Team Mesa!

## **18th Annual Fall Fundraiser**

Arizona Disabled Sports will host the 18th Annual Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, October 1st, 2011 at the Mesa Convention Center in downtown Mesa. For the past 18 years, the event has served as the primary funding source for the non-profit organization. 100% of the funds raised at the event go directly towards the weekly programs and special events to benefit the athletes. The event includes a silent and live auction, dinner, awards and dancing. The Fall Fundraiser has been a special night to recognize the outstanding Mesa athlete to win the Paula Rudow Award. The award is traditionally given to the athlete who best exemplifies a dedication to sports, a commitment to the programs, and a positive influence on his or her teammates, as well as other athletes.

The Fall Fundraiser organizing committee would like to request your assistance to recruit auction items. All items placed on the silent and live auction are donated to the organization. We could use your help to recruit those donations this year. Target items include electronics, resort stays, gift baskets, shopping or dining gift certificates, spa treatments and more. Contact Lane Jeppesen at [lane@arizonadisabledsports.com](mailto:lane@arizonadisabledsports.com) or visit [18th Annual Fall Fundraiser](#) for more information. Save the date for the 18th Annual Fall Fundraiser on Saturday, October 1st at the Mesa Convention Center.

## Mesa Athlete gets VIP treatment at NASCAR event

*Photo of Jacob Boenzi at NASCAR event in Dover, Delaware*



Eleven year old, Jacob Boenzi was invited to Dover, Delaware over the weekend of May 15th to the Autism Speaks 400 Race sponsored by FedEx. During Jacob's trip to the NASCAR event, he received the VIP treatment and was introduced to multiple drivers. In addition to meeting and spending time with the drivers, Jacob was asked to start the race with the most famous words in NASCAR... "Gentleman, start your engines!"

Jacob is a huge NASCAR fan and does not miss a race. He knows the names, statistics, cars, etc of all of the drivers. Jacob was on Channel 10 FOX for a national broadcast of the NASCAR race. He appeared to be relaxed as he shouted out those famous words that most NASCAR fans can only dream of having the opportunity to say. Congratulations and job well-done to Jacob Boenzi!

## Coach, Volunteer and Facility of the Year Awards

*Photo of 2010-11 Award Winners at End of Season Awards Celebration*



Each year at the End of Season Awards Celebration in June, Team Mesa presents the Coach of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Volunteer Group of the Year, Internal Facility of the Year and Community Facility of the Year awards to the most deserving individuals or organizations. The decision is very difficult each year as we have so many wonderful people and businesses that give their time, energy and resources to this organization. Congratulations to the 2010-11 award winners! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to providing outstanding programs and opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

The 2010-11 award winners include:

Coach of the Year - Jamie Oliver

Volunteer of the Year - Steve Schureman

Volunteer Group of the Year - Boeing Company

Internal Facility of the Year - Jefferson Recreation Center

Community Facility of the Year - Farnsworth Dreamland Villa

## Search the Web...Support Your Cause

This is a new and easy way to raise money for your favorite cause. Just start using [GoodSearch](#) as your search engine and they will donate about a penny per search to your favorite cause. The opening page will ask..."Who do you Goodsearch for?" Type in "Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled" or "MASD" and begin fundraising. Set [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) as your Home Page for your computer and every time you start the internet and search for a web site, you will be supporting the adaptive programs.

The adaptive sports and recreation programs of Mesa are a result of the collaboration between the City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities, the Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled (dba Arizona Disabled Sports) and the Mesa Public Schools. The collaboration serves as the Mesa delegation of Special Olympics Arizona. MASD is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization that is separate from Special Olympics Arizona.

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